

GHA Resident Services Newsletter

HUD No Smoking Policy Rule

The U.S.
Department of
Housing and Urban

HUD Smoking Policy Final Rule— Published December 5, 2016



Development (HUD) announced in late 2016 that all public housing developments in the U.S. will be required to provide a smokefree environment for their residents. The final rule will require more than 3,100 public housing agencies to implement smoke free policies within 18 months of the final rule being adopted. This will prohibit the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes and hookahs in all living units, indoor common areas and administrative

offices. Outdoor areas within 25 ft of the building are covered under this policy as well. Please pay attention to all correspondence from the Galveston Housing Authority to ensure that you are informed in regard to this major change in policy.

Information will be provided for those who wish to seek resources to assist with smoking cessation.

New RS Newsletter

Happy New Year!!!!

We have made a few changes to the newsletter to better provide information for every resident.

Every month we will feature an uplifting or empowering quote, a new word that begins with the letter of the month and a trivia question on the lease and housing rules.

Residents are encouraged to answer the trivia question and drop the answer in the drop box outside the Resident Service office. Every correct answers will be place in a drawing for gift cards and prizes to be given away during Tenant Tuesday.

January Trivia **Question**

When is rent delinquent?

Submit your answer with your name and Apt number in the Resident Services drop box.

Must be in attendance at the monthly meeting to win!!

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Resident Council



Gulf Breeze and Holland House Resident Council needs your help.

Each council consists of 5 people that are responsible for the planning, financing and implementation of activities that are planned for your awareness and

entertainment. It takes a lot of work making flyers, setting up and breaking down the community rooms before and after events, planning bingo and scheduling speakers.

The Councils are in need of people to work with them on

committees such as the Welcoming Committee, Bereavement Committee, Decorating, etc. Being on a committee does not put you in council "business". It provides you with a chance to participate without the drama.

"You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep rereading the last one"

Social Security Increases

For all residents that received an increase in Social Security Benefits will need to provide proof of increase to the management office no later that Friday January 27, 2017. All changes

to ANY income has to be reported. Income is considered Social Security, Retirement, SSI, Wages from a job, Unemployment or AFDC from Department of Human Services. Management will

need to do an interim recertification to make adjustments to the rent due to the income increases. If you have any questions, please contact your management office.

Pet Policy Reminder



Everyone who walks their animal in the common areas must pick up the animal waste in a plastic baggy and tie it shut before disposing of it in the dumpster. It is every pet owner's responsibility to

immediately pick up the animal waste and dispose of it properly.

If you have not already, please provide the office with a name and phone number of someone you wish to be an

emergency contact to care for your animal in case of an emergency and you are not able to provide daily care.

A big "THANKS" to the responsible pet owners.

A Word from Maintenance

Please be careful when you are cooking. Here are a few tips to help prevent kitchen fires.

Keep your stovetop clear. Keep dishtowels, mitts, paper towels, etc. away from your stovetop.

Check your food regularly, whether you

are simmering, baking, boiling or roasting. Use a timer to help remind you to check on your dish.

Wipe up spills.
Cooking on a dirty
stove or in a dirty
oven is inviting a
potential fire. Grease
buildup is flammable.

Clean your stove every

time you cook and promptly wipe up any spills.

Don't overheat your oils. Overheated oil can start to smoke and bubble up, which can cause it to spill out and ignite. After oil is cool, dispose in trash.

Be safe.



Parking on GHA PH Properties

Gulf Breeze, Holland House, the Oaks and Scattered Sites residents must register their vehicles with the management office. Gulf Breeze, Holland House and the Oaks residents must have a parking permit to park on the property. Any car that is not registered with the management office, have expired registration stickers, have flat tires and is not operable will be tagged and towed. If you have not

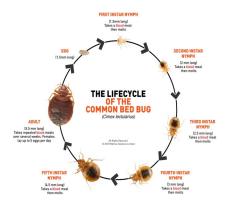
registered your vehicle, or received a parking permit please make sure you notify management when you renew your lease during your next annual appointment. Word of the Month
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age of demeanor.

Bed Bugs

Do your part in preventing a bed bug infestation in your unit. Do not pick up used or discarded furniture. If you see a nice sofa or mattress by the dumpster DO NOT drag it to your

unit. Bed bugs like cluttered areas, so reduce your clutter, organize and throw out junk. Visually inspect your unit. Bed bugs leave behind blood and fecal stains which can be seen on in-

fested areas. Lastly bed bugs are not a "nasty or dirty persons" problem. Anyone can get bed bugs. You must report any bed bug suspicions or sightings to the management office ASAP.



GHA Resident Services



Reginald Davis	January 1	Sebastian Lopez	January 20
Floyd Simmons	January 2	Betty Flores	January 21
Tommie Salinis	January 3	Doris Grogan	January 21
Lawrence Blanks	January 4	Lisa Raney	January 21
Lawrence Brown	January 4	George Bimage	January 23
Oralia Hernandez	January 4	David Simmons	January 25
Lena Lewis	January 4	Juanita Fernandez	January 26
Ricky Ruelas	January 5	Ruben Garcia	January 26
Teresa Daniel	January 6	Paul Guevara	January 26
Mickey Villarreal	January 7	Calli Milan	January 27
Javier Lopez	January 10	Blane Poling	January 27
Charlotte Pearson	January 11	Albert Salinas	January 27
Cary Tisino	January 12	James Stanford	January 27
Chazmond Oaks	January 13	Joe Foreman	January 28
Shirley Jones	January 14	Nona Gillispie	January 28
Amy Dowell	January 15	Wilmer Hamlet	January 28
Jerry Humphrey	January 16	Maria Lujan	January 29
Cordia Green	January 18	John Pierce	January 29
Albert Wilcox	January 19	Leslie Mordente	January 30
Monica Villarreal	January 19	Juan Trevino	January 30
Robert Fusig	January 20	Martha Gonzales	January 31

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9 All Sites	10 HH	11 GB	12	13	14
	Dollar Tree AM Randalls PM	Walmart AM Krogers PM	Walmart AM Krogers PM			
15	16	17 HH	18 GB	19	20	21
	Office Closed	Walmart AM Krogers PM	Walmart AM Krogers PM			
22	23 All Sites	24 HH	25 GB	26	27	28
	Dollar Tree AM Randalls PM	Walmart AM Krogers PM	Walmart AM Krogers PM			
29	30 All Sites	31 HH				
	Dollar Tree AM Randalls	Walmart AM Krogers PM				

GHA Contact Information

Executive Office (409) 765-1905	Gulf Breeze (409) 765-1925	GHA Email info@ghatx.org
Mona Purgason, ED Central	Michelle Holt, Manager	GHA Website
Maintenance/ After Hours (409) 765-1921	Holland House (409) 765-1922	www.ghatx.org
John Williams, Director	Caressa Lynch, Manager	GHA Tip Line (409) 765-1917
Housing (409) 765-1906	Resident Services (409) 762-1920	Police Non-
Maria Godwin, Director	Odelia Williams, Director	Emergency (409) 765-3702

Store trips are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Pick up for AM trips start at 8 am. The last building pick up is 9 am. All shopping must be completed by 11:15 am.

Pick up for PM trips start at 12:30 pm. The last building pick up time is 1:00 pm. All shopping must be completed by 3:00

Dates To Remember

- Jan 9-Holland House Resident Council Meeting 3 pm
- Jan 16-GHA Office Closed-Holiday
- Jan 18-Gulf Breeze Resident Council Meeting 4 pm
- Jan 30-Jesse Tree Food Box Pick Up Gulf Breeze 1 pm
- Jan 31-Jesse Tree Food Box Pick Up Holland House 10 am
- Feb 1-Jesse Tree Food Box Pick Up Oaks 10 am

Did You Know? We're On The Web

GHA is on Twitter and Facebook! Stay up to date on GHA's Holiday closings, safety and weather information and updates in times of emergency.



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Sudoku Puzzle

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